

Remarks

Further and favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks.

Thus, claims 27-32, which are the only rejected claims, have been cancelled. This renders moot the rejection of these claims under 35 U.S.C. §103(a).

The only other claims remaining in the application are claims 21-26, which the Examiner indicates are allowed.

Therefore, the application is now considered to be in condition for allowance. Such allowance is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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